

UNITED STATES INTELLIGENCE BOARD
COMMITTEE ON PROCUREMENT OF FOREIGN PUBLICATIONS

6 March 1961

MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, Far East Division, DD/P

SUBJECT: Clandestine Procurement of Chinese Communist Publications

1. As you are perhaps aware, the procurement of Chinese Communist publications through facilities of the Foreign Service and other channels available to the USIB Committee on Procurement of Foreign Publications (PROCIB) has become increasingly difficult to implement during the past fifteen months. Since January 1960, PROCIB has explored all known overt sources for the acquisition of this material; with the exception of limited support provided us by certain friendly governments with missions in Peking, the other sources investigated have not remained productive.
2. Enclosed herewith are twenty-five (25) copies of a Critical Want Listing of Chinese Communist Serials. This listing identifies certain Chinese Communist newspapers and periodicals which are critically needed by research analysts on China to meet continuing informational targets, and has been compiled with the Chairman, USIB Committee on Exploitation of Foreign Publications. You will note that if the cover sheet, indicating the sources which are known to and used by us, is removed, the publications listed are completely unclassified.
3. It is requested that the clandestine services accept this listing as a PROCIB-sponsored collection requirement, representing the Chicom serial needs of the USIB Agencies involved. The titles comprising the listing are based on data as of 1 March 1961 -- it will be our intention, if you concur, to supplement this listing from time to time with additional or related information available to us, in the hope that it will assist your staff in meeting this requirement. I would suggest a quarterly revision of the listing for example, which would permit us to convey appropriate changes or revisions to your staff and, as appropriate, provide us opportunities to receive status reports from you.
4. Should you desire any further information, or additional copies of the listing, please let me know.

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